

John Fletcher, Paper
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Acton Feb 20th 1839 New paper just what we need
Mr. Follen Rev. A. A. Phelps -

Dear Sir - I am a subscriber to the
"Massachusetts Abolitionist" am well pleas'd with the
first No. believing it to be just what we need at this
time. I most heartily wish it success, although I
have been much in favour of Mr. Garrison's paper.
But without using our influence at the ballot box
I feel that we desert the poor suffering slave at the
very spot where we can do him the most good. For
what, let me ask, have we been labouring for years, but
to prepare men to act right at the ballot box?
Now Sir in conclusion permit me to say, that I hope
that you will not stop by the way to contend with
any man, or body of men about this, that, or the other
measure, but that you will keep a straight forward
course, having nothing in view but the Abolition
of Slavery I am Sir, the Slaves Friend

John Fletcher

P.S. Sir you may make such use of this
as you see fit

J. F.